

Dear Sirs,

As an active ham radio operator, I am very concerned about the consequences of BPL for my hobby. I have heard that the American Radio Relay League [ARRL] is conducting field tests, and their models predict an increase of the noise level of 35 to 37 Db.

In my location, I have often experienced a 20 to 35 Db noise level increases due to intermittent power line faults, poorly grounded electrical systems, etc. These range from nuisance levels, to absolutely making it impossible to tolerate using my radio.

As you know, ham radio is restricted to power limitations which result in very weak signals at the receiving end. I would not have it any other way. If BPL were to add even half of the ARRL's predicted increase in noise level, I surmise that the great majority of amateur radio operators in this country would suffer to the extent that they would cease operating. As an example from my own experiences, and even without BPL, I have often had to curtail my operations because of the existing intermittently high levels of noise in my location.

I hope you will seriously consider the predictive models, and conduct realistic tests, prior to allowing BPL. I hope you will seriously consider the needs of those licensed persons who invest so much of their time and money in their pursuit of happiness, personal fulfillment and who contribute to the welfare of their country through their public services as radio operators.

Sincerely,  
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